

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC.

I am writing with concern because it has come to my attention that the cost of using my Tracfone and my long distance home plan may increase as a result of changes you've proposed. Living in NJ there's the added expense of 'long distance' toll calls to locations only 20 miles from my home. I rely on my phones for contact with temp and contract agency employment, but overall my long distance usage is low. Please do not add any more fees or charges to already too high phone bills.

I would hope that the major telecommunication carriers would reduce their charges in half. I get the impression that they are unfairly profiting from the boon of cell phone use. If this continues, then someday soon the average citizen will not be able to afford a basic telephone. Right now (with only the minimum of usage) a monthly phone bill (or combination of landline plus cell phone) exceeds the cost of a two-zone bus pass in NJ (\$59).

I would also like to recommend that as many pay telephones be kept in working order. There are so many instances when they are a necessity and the only way to make a call. It seems dangerous to me to rely on everybody owning a cellphone and further to assume that its battery is charged. Please maintain service through public pay telephones.

Lastly, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Your new job will certainly be challenging, and I hope that you take on issues keeping in mind fairness to all customers and after carefully examining the long-range effects of any changes enacted under your tenure as Chair of the FCC.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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